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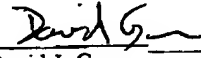
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE RESPONSE

In the telephone conference of August 11, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the Reply filed on May 7, 2003 was incomplete for failing to include a signature at the end of the document. Without agreeing that Reply was incomplete, Applicant respectfully submits a substitute page with signature.

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substrate 102. Col. 5, lines 26-29. In another step, the polysilicon 122 filling the trenches 120 on each side of the central silicon region is removed, and the buried oxide layer is etched to define movable electrode 142 and fixed electrode 144 (see col. 6, lns. 45-48; col. 6, ln. 59 to col. 7, ln. 5).

The resultant structure, as shown in Fig. 10 of Bashir, provides that elements 142 and 144 are actually one in the same element. (The same unbroken polygon with the same shading.) Thus, these elements are electrically connected to each other.

Hunter does not provide what Bashir lacks. Hunter discloses forming a sidewall oxide on the sidewalls of a trench (see col. 2, lns. 48-49). However, Hunter does not disclose using the isolation trench to electrically isolate elements of a microstructure from each other.


Since neither Bashir nor Hunter discloses using the first trench to electrically isolate elements of a microstructure from each other, the combination of the Bashir and Hunter cannot render claim 1 obvious.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at (650) 839-5070.

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